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DIVISION OF ANIMAL & FOOD INDUSTRY SERVICES
STATE VETERINARIAN'S OFFICE
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VESICULAR STOMATITIS PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Vesicular stomatitis is an infectious viral disease that primarily affects horses, cattle and swine; and

WHEREAS, Vesicular stomatitis exists in other states and other nations, and the transporting of infected animals from these states or nations could spread that disease among susceptible domestic animals in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, There are reasonable restrictions the State Veterinarian can impose in order to prevent vesicular stomatitis from entering the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, The State Veterinarian has authority to initiate such measures as necessary to protect all segments of the livestock industries against contagious and infectious diseases.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority of Title 3.2, Chapter 60 of the Code of Virginia, §§ 3.2-6001, 3.2-6002, 3.2-6008, and 3.2-6010, I am hereby, effective this 15th day of June, 2010, placing an interstate/international quarantine order with respect to vesicular stomatitis, incorporating the foregoing recitals into this order. This order establishes the following restrictions and conditions:

1. No hooved animal may enter the Commonwealth of Virginia which originate from a county where vesicular stomatitis has been diagnosed and that county contains a premises currently quarantined for vesicular stomatitis.
2. All hooved animals entering the Commonwealth of Virginia from a state in which vesicular stomatitis has been diagnosed since May 1, 2010 shall be examined by an accredited veterinarian to determine whether they are free from signs of vesicular stomatitis within five days prior to arrival into the Commonwealth of Virginia, and shall be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection upon which the animals are identified by any official United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) approved identification and bearing the following written statement signed by that accredited veterinarian:

"All animals identified on this Certificate of Veterinary Inspection have been examined by me and found to be free from signs of vesicular stomatitis. Owner-provided history indicates that during the past 30 days, these animals have neither been exposed to vesicular stomatitis nor been located within a county where vesicular stomatitis has been diagnosed and currently contains a premises quarantined for vesicular stomatitis."

3. Hooved animals destined for Virginia from a foreign country where vesicular stomatitis has been diagnosed will be quarantined at a port of entry designated by USDA/Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, and upon release from quarantine, may enter the Commonwealth.

This proclamation shall remain in effect until it is rescinded by written notice from this office.



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